
GAMMA SIGMA CHATTER



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A new year!!!



Fall approaches, summer fades, school is on the horizon and many members grin as a by product of retirement! I hope you have all had the summer you have needed whether that be excitement, calm meditation, travel, healing, quality time with the grands, work or whatever else life demands of you. I look forward to our first meeting in September as I'm sure we will be a buzz with catching up on our varied paths and we all want to know what has happened in our DKG sisters' lives in the past few months.

Speaking of meetings, our last two meetings of the year concluded quickly and it was wonderful to see so many members sticking around and talking, laughing and sharing. This has made me decide to focus on trying to have very quick and efficient meetings so we always have time at the end and can feel relaxed about taking a few minutes for fellowship instead of racing to our cars and home before it gets too dark (or the car turns back into a pumpkin...). We will see if I can stick to that commitment!

Please take time to look through this newsletter to meet our newest member, to see where we will be meeting and what committees you are on, and to get a few other updates. Plus, look for the statistics that show exactly who we are. Kind of a neat look at our organization

Diane Christensen

2014-2016 Gamma Sigma President

New Member Spotlight

Susan Wills

We are so happy to welcome our newest member, Susan Wills, who will be initiated at the September 22nd meeting in Crooksville. Take a moment to read out a little about Susan:

I am a Sheridan alum and attended Ohio University for my undergraduate degrees in nursing and communication. My first career was as a registered nurse in the areas of med/surg and home care. My husband Gary and I have three children, Allison, Andy and Audra. After working as a substitute teacher for several years, I became an employee of Northern Local Schools as a librarian at Glenford Elementary School. I obtained my Masters in Teaching degree from Muskingum University in 2012 and earned my K-12 reading endorsement in 2013. I am beginning my second year as a first grade teacher at Glenford Elementary. For fun I love to read, go camping, and bake. I am looking forward to joining Delta Kappa Gamma.



Meetings and planning...

A quick overview for you...



Hostessing... The traditional yearbook will be available in September with the next 2 year cycle, but follow [this link](#) to see where the meetings are and which committee you are on for hostessing this coming year...

Follow [this link](#) to find your name to determine which committee you are on for the next two years. If your committee is responsible for a meeting program, it is noted in the right hand column.

Please note: The documents are also attached to the email....

2014 Fall Meeting Programs

September 22nd...Crooksville
Celebrating Gamma Sigma
New Member Initiation
&
Member Rededication

October 24th...Sheridan HS
Technology Tornado –
Hands on and fun for all!

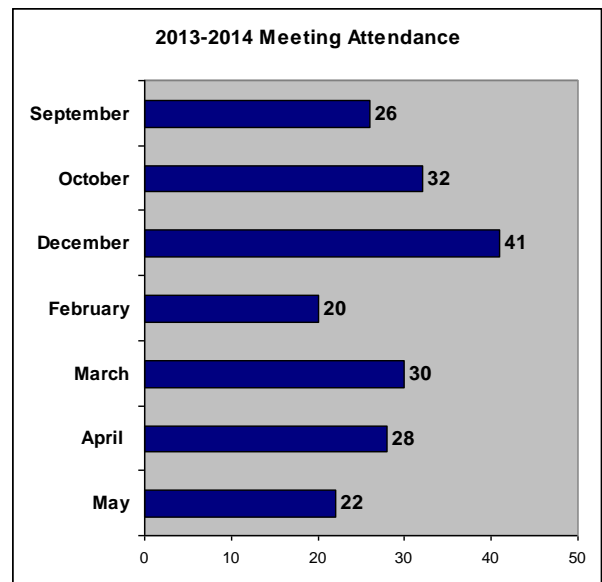
November 28th...Sheridan HS
Annual Christmas “Fete” and Auction
(Snow date is 12/8/14)

Special invitation

We have been invited to Beta Delta’s (Licking) Christmas event on Tuesday, December 16th
More information to come at our September meeting!

Attendance statistics

A big thanks to Secretary Paula Starner for facilitating the door prizes at each meeting this past year. It made attending just that much more fun (did you win one of the lovely prizes?) Speaking of attendance, here it is for the past year!

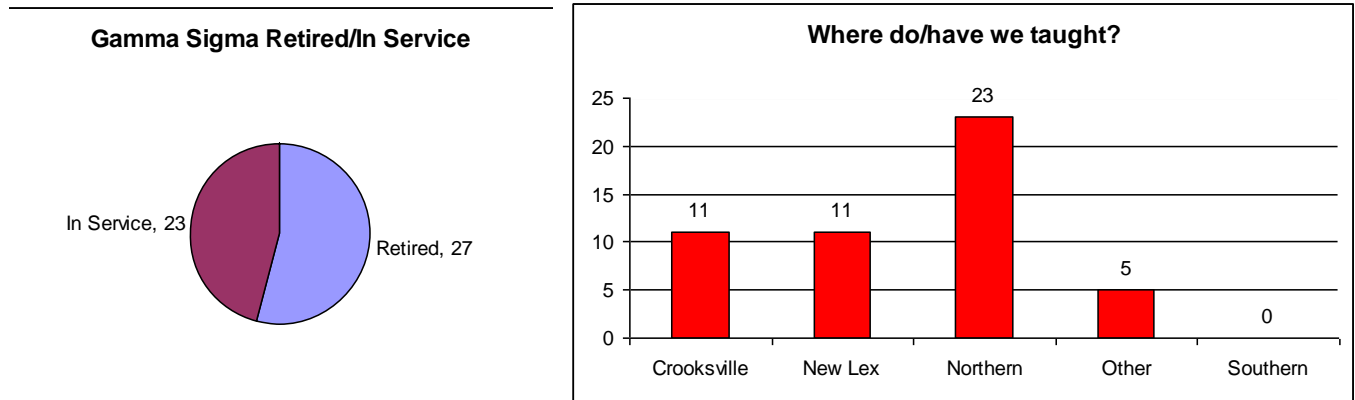


Our snowbirds are faithful when they are “up north” and we are all busy, busy, busy, but I want to challenge us to move those bars! I challenge everyone to attend at least one more meeting this year than last. I know driving to another district can seem like an imposition or hassle, but view it as a beautiful drive through a bucolic countryside - a time to relax and reflect while winding your way through forest and glen. Or think of it as a perfect time to carpool and have a spirited catch up session with a DKG sister or two. After all, many of us only see each other 7 times a year! Whatever your motivation or focus, see you soon and often!!!!



Statistics...Who are we by the numbers?

As the officers have been planning and compiling and listing, etc., etc., it has been interesting to take a look at who we are, professionally. As you will see from the following graphics, we are a little more retired than in service and Northern is VERY well represented. Perhaps someone knows someone exemplary from Southern and can extend an invitation.



I hope we are all looking around us to find more fantastic educators who might strengthen our group and who we might be able to support. Start pondering and consider inviting a guest to a meeting now and then. We do not need to limit guests to the Christmas auction, guests are officially welcome at all meetings. Let's heighten our presence in the community one educator at a time.

Scholarships available for DKG members

Are you working on your masters or doctorate? Do you have the desire to study overseas? Do you know a college senior who is going to be a teacher? Remember that DKG offers scholarships to members. Follow these links to find out more. It would be great to have a Gamma Sigma sister receive one of these!

[Alpha Delta State scholarships information and application](#)

[The A. Margaret Boyd Overseas Foundation Scholarship](#)

[Esther H. Strickland Student Teaching Grant for College Seniors](#)

[The Lucile Cornet Professional Development Fund](#)

[DKG International Scholarship Page](#)

Please note, if you can not click on these links, please go to <http://alphadeltastate.weebly.com/> and click on "Scholarships, Grants & Fellowships" on the left side of the page.

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